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COMING SOON
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37th Annual Convention  
January 26 & 27, 1995

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TOPNOTCH SPEAKERS  
ARRESTING TOPICS

Governor Roy Romer  
gets the first general session  
going at 10:45 a.m. on  
Thursday, January 26.

Colorado’s Attorney General  
gives keynote speech at the  
luncheon on day one.

The former Assistant Secretary  
will deliver address at the  
Wayne N. Aspinall Memorial  
Luncheon on Friday.

Tommy Thomson  
1924 — 1994

Truly, Tommy Thomson was a gentleman.  
Politicians, associates and friends alike found the longtime general manager  
of the Southeastern Water conservancy District an unerringly honorable human  
being as well as a passionate expert on water.

Some reaction Wednesday to Thomson’s death Tuesday at age 70:

Governor Roy Romer: “I knew Tommy very well over a long period of  
time. He was an excellent citizen, an excellent human being, and an expert on  
water.

“Tommy was a tireless worker for the good of his community, state and country . . .”

Alan Hamel, executive director of the Board of Water Works: “It’s a  
great loss to me personally and to the community. He was my friend, mentor,  
counselor and truly one of the greatest community leaders I’ve ever known. The  
things he accomplished will not only benefit us today but will benefit our chil­
dren, grandchildren and their children, for 100 years . . .”

Bret Kelly, Steel City Agencies: “I always admired Tommy for his ability  
to take an evenhanded approach to the most complex water matters and to bring  
them to a satisfactory conclusion. He really had a talent for that. It was one of  
his many great qualities . . .”

Bob Rawlings, publisher of The Pueblo Chieftain: “He was a tireless  
worker for the good of his community, state and country . . .”

Publisher Note — The above quotes were reprinted with the permission of  
The Pueblo Chieftain. Charles L. “Tommy” Thomson was President of the  
Colorado Water Congress in 1972. In addition, he received CWC’s Aspinall  
Water Leader Award in 1984.

See inside for more details of exciting discussions  
on the Colorado River — scheduled with  
representatives from the Colorado River states  
and the Ten Colorado River Indian Tribes.
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Wednesday, January 25, 1995
8:00 a.m. Colorado Water Conservation Board Meeting
3:45 p.m. Three Concurrent Workshops

Thursday, January 26, 1995
7:30 a.m. Registration Openings

3:00 p.m. Colorado Water Conservation Board Meeting
8:30 a.m. Two Concurrent Workshops


9:00 a.m. PRELIMINARY GENERAL SESSION

10:45 a.m. GENERAL SESSION I

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton; and Paul Talley, Talley-Drake Research & Strategy, Inc., Boulder

12:15 p.m. GENERAL SESSION LUNCHEON

Governor Roy Romer will be the speaker.

2:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION II

A debate on the "Public Trust Doctrine — What Is It Is It Headed For Colorado?" The debaters are Skipphan H. Leonhardt, Fairfield and Woods, P.C., Denver, and David H. Geltch, Professor, School of Law, University of Colorado at Boulder.

12:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m.

Three Concurrent Workshops


2. Conflict Management — Does It Work?

3. Engineering and Management Developments

10:30 a.m.

Reception

Friday, January 27, 1995
2:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Speakers are: Senator Don Annum of BFF, Senator Tom Norton of Denver, Senator Tom Norton of Greeley, Representative Lew Entz of Hooper, Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Colorado, Representative Bill Bere, Representative Jeanne Reeter of Thornton.

10:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION III

Presentations on the Colorado River by: Gordon (Jeff) Fassett, State Engineer, State of Washington; Larry D. Anderson, Director, Division of Water Resources, State of Utah; and Philip B. Mutch, River Commissioner, State of New Mexico.

3:15 p.m.

CWC Board of Directors’ Meeting

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Rogers, Chair; Colorado River Commission, State of Nevada; Jerry Zimmerman, Executive Director, Colorado River Board of California; and George Arthur of the Navajo Nation Tribal Council and Chair of the Ten Colorado River Indian Tribes.

The Wayne N. Aspinall Memorial Luncheon

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1994 CWC Membership Report

This report is intended to bring the membership up-to-date with Colorado Water Congress activities for calendar year 1994. No organization, it should be noted, will have a meaningful impact on issues of concern, unless its membership is involved and asserting itself. Also, special thanks is expressed to the members of the General Assembly and the Executive Branch for their assistance to CWC's concerns and acted in a positive and helpful manner.

CWC notes the following in terms of highlights:

1. Nineteen of the twenty water bills introduced in the State Legislature and supported by CWC were enacted into law.
2. All six of the water bills opposed by CWC were killed.
3. Continued the major effort (as a CWC Special Project) to address the issues in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Plate River and Colorado River Threatened and Endangered Species Studies.
4. Worked actively in opposition to Proposition Constitutional Amendment TWELVE; Board charge initiative.
5. Participated in the Colorado Water Education Foundation.

The new water laws and resolutions supported by CWC were:

SB 29 - concerning the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund, and making appropriations in connection therewith
SB 45 - concerning adjustments to the sunset date for various public health-related provisions
SB 54 - concerning conditional water rights
SB 94 - concerning the authority of the Division of Administration of the Department of Health to seek injunctions pursuant to the "Colorado Water Quality Control Act"
SB 97 - concerning the amount of water which may be withdrawn within a well constructed outside a designated ground water basin
SB 138 - concerning the requirement to construct a well pursuant to a conditional water right
SB 151 - concerning the requirement that any agency statement of general applicability and future effect related to the enforcement of certain environmental laws be published and made available to the public
SB 157 - concerning the implementation of federal mandates
SB 159 - concerning the adoption of rules by executive department agencies
SB 203 - concerning the transfers of general fund money for water purposes pursuant to 37-60-121.6, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, and making an appropriation in connection therewith

These actions were:
- Named Fred Anderson the 14th recipient of the "Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year Award" at the 1994 CWC Annual Convention.
- CWC Workshop on Legal Ethics in Water & WCD sponsored meetings were another dimension of CWC membership involvement activity and these were:
5. CWC Workshop on Legal Ethics in Water & Environmental Law held on October 13, 1994.
7. CWC Workshop for Board Members of Water Conservancy / Conservation Districts held on November 15, 1994.
9. CWC workshop on The Legislative Process held on November 18, 1994.

There were a number of other actions that enhanced and assisted greatly in making CWC more effective. These actions were:
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In regard to CWC's written communications (newsletters), the following newsletters were published during 1994:
7. Subcommittees on S.B. 54, 9-7/29/94.
10. CWC Workshop on CWCB Long Range Plans —

4/1/94 and 4/20/94.

To be continued...